

Maximum allowable income and assets for the 2002–2003 award year

INCOME

Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse

Family size of	
Six or more	\$76,500
Five	70,900
Four	66,200
Three	60,900
Two	59,400

Independent students

Single, no dependents	\$24,300
Married, no other dependents	27,800

ASSETS

Dependent students *	\$51,200
Independent students	24,400

* These ceilings also apply to Independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

How do I apply ?

To apply for the Cal Grant T, you must have a complete and error-free:

- ~ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the Federal Processor. If you have not filed a FAFSA, you may file on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and
- ~ Cal Grant T GPA Verification Form completed and signed by a designated college official on file with the Commission. If you attended a school that does not issue grades and issues pass/fail evaluations, the Commission will accept ACT, SAT or GRE test scores in lieu of a verified GPA.

How do I contact the Commission?

If you have questions regarding the Cal Grant T program, please call 1-888-CA GRANT (that's 1-888-224-7268); or e-mail the Commission at custsvcs@csac.ca.gov.

In addition, you may write the Commission at:
California Student Aid Commission
Grant Programs Processing Section
Attn: Cal Grant T
P.O. Box 419028
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9028

To obtain general financial aid information go to the Commission's website at www.csac.ca.gov.

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What is Cal Grant T?

The state-funded Cal Grant T is a tuition/fee award program that is offered for one academic year (or the equivalent) to students who have a bachelor's degree or higher and are actively working towards an initial teaching credential (e.g., K–12 single or multiple subject teaching credential). You must be enrolled in and attending a program of professional teacher preparation approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) on at least a half-time basis as defined by the institution.

Each year, the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) offers Cal Grant T awards to eligible students in amounts up to \$1,428 at the California State University, \$3,429 at the University of California and \$9,708 at an Independent California college or university. Prior to receiving an award payment, you must sign and return the Teaching Service Agreement wherein you agree to teach for a minimum of one year in a California public low-performing elementary or secondary school for each award increment of \$2,000 received. The maximum service requirement will not exceed four years.

In general, what do I need to apply?

- ~ Be a California resident.
- ~ Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.
- ~ Have complied with U.S. Selective Service requirements, as applicable.
- ~ Demonstrate financial need as defined by the Commission. (See “How do I apply?”)

What do I need to do to receive my Cal Grant T benefits?

- ~ Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school of attendance.
- ~ Have earned a baccalaureate (i.e., BA, BS), or higher, degree (i.e., MA), or the equivalent.
- ~ Be enrolled in an initial teacher preparation program at a qualifying institution.
- ~ Maintain attendance on at least a half-time basis, as defined by the institution.

To receive benefits through Cal Grant T, I must not:

- ~ Owe a refund on any state or federal educational grant or have delinquent or defaulted student loans.
- ~ Have received any extended teacher credential program benefits through any state Cal Grant program.
- ~ Already have, or have applied for, an initial teaching authorization such as a preliminary or clear credential.
- ~ Exceed the income or asset ceilings established for the year in which the award is offered. (See “Maximum allowable income and assets for the 2002–2003 award year”).



How will I know if I'm selected?

All Cal Grant T applicants who submit a complete application will be notified of their award status. When you submit a complete application by the deadline, meet the eligibility requirements, and are selected for an award, you will receive an award letter and a Teaching Service Agreement in the mail. **You must sign and return the Teaching Service Agreement to the Commission before an award payment will be made.**

How and when are the benefits provided?

Benefits will be sent to the participating school at which you are enrolled. Once you have notified the Commission of your school of attendance, you should contact your school for information on disbursement policies. Your school can then confirm your eligibility and make a Cal Grant T benefit payment. Remember, you must be

attending an approved teacher credentialing program on at least a half-time basis. Receipt of this award may affect other grant awards.

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What if I don't start school right away?

If you are awarded a Cal Grant T and are unable to attend a qualifying teacher credentialing program all or part of that academic year, you may place the award “in reserve” or request a “leave of absence.” Contact the Commission if you need further information about these options.

Under what circumstances can my Cal Grant T be withdrawn?

Your Cal Grant T award will be withdrawn if:

- ~ Your enrollment falls below half-time, and you have not requested a leave of absence.
- ~ You receive your initial teacher credential prior to receiving your full award.

It is important that you promptly notify the Commission of any changes in the following:

- ~ School of attendance.
- ~ Enrollment status.
- ~ Name or address.
- ~ Social Security Number (SSN).

Are other options available?

If you 1) are currently receiving Cal Grant benefits, or have received them within the last 15 months, and 2) have earned a bachelor's degree, then you may be eligible to apply for the one-year Teaching Credential Program (TCP) extension. Contact the Commission if you would like further information about this program.